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The Women of Belgium.

No one can travel in Belgium without being struck by the extraordinary activity and prominence of the women. Over the doors of shops of all descriptions the name of the owner or owners is frequently followed by "Sous" or "Veuve." You find them proprietors of hotels and restaurants. They are often custodians of the churches. They are employed to tow the boats along the canals banks. They cut up the meat in the butchers' shops and they are even to be noticed shoeing horses at the forge.

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Thought They Had Lynched 'Em.

The prisoner was waiting for the verdict in a rural justice court. Three hours had passed, and still no sign from the jury. Finally his lawyer came over to him and whispered:

"I have just learned that the jury is hung."

"Thank the Lord!" cried the prisoner, who had taken the lawyer literally. "I know I had friends here. Gimme hat an order yer liquor."—Atlanta Constitution.

He Meant Well

The trial of a doctor's suit was published in a Connecticut newspaper some years ago, in which a witness was called for the purpose of approving the correction of the doctor's bill.

The witness was asked by the lawyer whether the doctor did not make several visits after the patient was out of danger. "No," replied the witness.

"I considered the patient in danger so I made a call to him," said the doctor.

Atlanta Constitution.

A Clever Trick.

It certainly looks like it, but there is really no trick about it. Anybody can try it who has lame back and weak kidneys, Malaria or nervous troubles. We mean to cure himself right away by taking Electric Biters. This medicine tones up the whole system, acts as a stimulant to Liver and Kidneys, is a blood purifier and nerve tonic. It cures Constipation, Headache, Fainting Spells, Sleeplessness and Melancholy. It is purely vegetable, a mild laxative, and restores the system to its natural vigor. Try Electric Biters and be comfortable. It cures Constipation, Headache, Fainting Spells, Sleeplessness and Melancholy.

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THE CHURCHES IN MIDDLETOWN.—Rev. Isaac L. Wood, Pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath School every Sabbath at 3 p. m. A. C. Conant, Superintendent. Prayer meeting every Thursday evening, 7:30 o'clock. Junior Epworth League, every Friday night at 7 o'clock. Young Ladies' Missionary Circle, every Saturday evening. Foreign Missionary Society, first Friday night of each month. Women's Home Missionary Society, first Saturday evening, each month. Mite Society, first Saturday evening. Mite Society, first Saturday evening. Official Board meeting first Friday afternoon of each month at 2:30 o'clock.

First Presbyterian Church.—Rev. F. H. MacPherson, Senior Pastor. Preaching every Sabbath morning at 10:30 o'clock, and every Sabbath evening at 7:30. Sabbath School will be held every Sabbath at 10:30 a. m. H. C. Ellison, Superintendent. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening. Young People's Methodist Church, every Sunday evening at 6:45 o'clock. Junior Sunday School, every Sunday evening at 6:45 o'clock. Services at Armitage's, the first Sabbath morning at 9 a. m.

St. Anne's Protestant Episcopal Church.—Rev. Wm. J. Wilke, Rector. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month at 10 a. m. On all other Sundays at 7:30 a. m. Divine services every Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 3:30 p. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday and Friday at 7:30 p. m. Evening Prayer on Friday at 8:30 p. m. Holy Day Mass on the first Saturday of each month at 9 a. m. Adult Bible Class at 6:45 p. m. The Ladies on the first and third Friday of each month at 9 p. m., the Boys' Club on Friday evenings at 7:30 p. m. The Junior Auxiliary on Saturday at 3 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., JAN. 28, 1899

Local News.

—Uncle Tom's Cabin February 1st. Every body uses Bradgdon's Poultry Remedy, it cures, 25 cents.

—Latest style wedding invitations printed expeditiously and cheaply at the TRANSCRIP. office.

—For Sale.—A Young Horse, terms to suit. J. C. PARKER & SON.

—Copies made from Tin Types or any other pictures of any description at Trinkler's Studio.

—Remember that J. F. McWhorter & Son have a full line of carriages and agricultural implements on hand.

—Silks, 10c; Cuffs, 4c; Collars, 2c. All work guaranteed to be the best.—Lee Sing, North Broad Street.

—Having served his term of seven years in New Castle jail, Edward Clark, of the du Pont barn-burners, has been released.

—Do you want the "best farm wagon made"? If so, buy the Milburn. Do you want to double the profits from your cows? If so, buy the American Separator. The above are for sale by J. F. McWhorter & Son.

—The Imitation Buffalo Robes with Lots of Plush Robes and Horse Blankets at J. C. Parker & Son.

—If you are going out of town for an outing leave your address at The Transcript office and the paper will follow you. It is the only way to keep posted on town affairs.

—Rev. Dr. W. M. Jeffries, formerly a professor in Delaware College, and later Archdeacon of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, has accepted a call to become rector of the Newark Episcopal church.

—An old-fashioned storm visited a large section, of which we are part, on Tuesday night. The lightning was sharp, the thunder loud, and the rain a veritable little flood. It came at ten p. m.

—The members of the Volunteer Hose Company enjoyed their twelfth annual banquet last evening in good, royal style. No other society in the town is fitted up for "at home" or banquets as are the Volunteers, and they are excellent entertainers. The banquet of Thursday evening was no exception.

Mrs. Hettie Bothwell, aged 50 years, committed suicide Thursday night by hanging at the home of her sister, Mrs. Perry in Newark. The woman was visiting her sister, and was found by a member of the family. A doctor was summoned, and in the meantime she was cut down. She was dead when the physician arrived. Mrs. Bothwell is supposed to have taken her life about 9 o'clock, but the body was not discovered for several hours. Deputy Conner Giles was notified, and an investigation was made.

—The Rev. Charles E. Murray, D. D., rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Wilmington, died Saturday night, that city Thursday evening, after having been ill some time. He had suffered from a complication of diseases, but death was due to pneumonia, and came suddenly. On Wednesday evening he appeared better, and chatted with the relatives who were present. It was thought that he would get better, but he was taken with pneumonia, and died suddenly. His death came as a shock to the members of St. Andrew's Church, and also to his numerous friends in the city and diocese.

—When Farmer John Deal, living on the road between Port Penn and McDonough, stepped out of bed early Tuesday morning he was confronted by a man crawling through his bedroom window. Mr. Deal was not at all alarmed at the sight, but stepped quickly forward. "Wait a minute I'll help you in." The intruder replied with a shot from his pistol, the bullet of which grazed Mr. Deal's stomach and passed on, striking a glass knob on a bureau in the rear, shattering it to pieces. The burglar then made good his escape, and upon investigation it was found that he had secured a ladder from an outbuilding and, placing it against the house, reached the second story window. Mr. Deal has no idea who the intruder was.

—Mitchell's Opera House is well filled this afternoon with a delighted audience. Mason & Dow's large company is presenting "Uncle Tom's Cabin" which has seldom been seen in this city in recent years. The scenery is special and excellent, and the cast is made up of artists of no mean order. Among the incidental features are several specialties that are on the top shelf and contributed largely to the most satisfactory entertainment. The Nashville jubilee students leave in new as well as old negro melodies were a treat; a troupe of buck and wing dancers astonished everybody in the house and was obliged to respond to encore after encore. The people could not see enough of these dainty artists in their clever performances. Another feature was the grand cake walk in which nearly all of the colored members of the company, twenty, participated. It was a great hit of itself. The play is elaborately mounted and at times electrical effects were brought into use. The transformation scene, "Gates Ajar," was a fitting allusion to that had gone before. The fast that so many came out to see the old play in a new dress. The audience testified of the actual greatness of the work of Mrs. Stowe. The parade this noon was clean, bright and unusual. Before the performance this evening a hand concert will be given in front of the Opera House.

—Ex. The above company appears at the Middletown Opera House, Wednesday, February 1st.—Ed.

Unclaimed Letters.

A list of unclaimed letters remaining in the Middletown post office which can be had by saying they are ad veris. Joe's Cigar, Georgia Hairs, Mrs. Geo. L. Warren.

THE NEW CENTURY CLUB.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather there was not a very large attendance last Tuesday, and we will here say if the town members made the exertion that some of our out-of-town ones must necessarily do on stormy days, it would be very gratifying to those who take an interest in its meetings.

Reports were made by the committees appointed to see about new quarters and they have several desirable rooms in view; the President requires a full meeting next week in order to make a decision as to whether to do so before the end of the club year which will be the middle of the club year.

Miss Ethel M. Vandegrift, of Wilmington, Del., has been spending the past week with her cousin, Mrs. Eugene Cleaver, near Mt. Pleasant.

Harvey B. Moore, of Still Pond, Md., spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Eugene Cleaver.

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Miss Pearl Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Smith, of Queen Anne, was married at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon to Mr. Isaac T. Sparklin, in the Hillside M. E. Church. The bride is well known in Middletown, having frequently been the guest of Miss Elizabeth C. Parker.

FASHIONABLE WEDDING.

Miss Marion Burstan, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burstan, of Middletown, was united in marriage to Mr. Louis Lyman, of New York City, in Mercantile Hall, Philadelphia, Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The bride was attired in white silk, trimmed with pearls and chiffon. Miss Fannie Burstan, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, dressed in blue organdy over pink silk. The ring ceremony was used, and over 300 guests were present; reception from 9 to 11 p. m. Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Matthews, of Middletown, were among the guests. Mr. and Mrs. Lyman will reside in Middletown.

A DINNER.

On January 19, the home of Mrs. Fowler, near Kirkwood, was the scene of a most enjoyable dinner. At 8 o'clock the guests were invited into a dining room most tastefully decorated with palms, ferns and other potted plants, and served with an abundant and appetizing dinner. After which the hostess, aided by her sisters, Miss Julia and Miss Annie Ellison, provided entertainment of a different variety which was enjoyed by their guests until a late hour.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. James Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Paxon, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Cann, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cann, Mrs. Green, Miss Frances Cann, Mrs. James Veezy, Miss Eleanor Vasy, Mr. Eugene Paxson, Miss Clara Paxson, Mr. George M. C. Paxson, From Middletown Mrs. S. S. Holden, and from Chester Mrs. Roberts, Miss Watson, Mr. Ross, Mr. Wied, Mr. Roberts.

THE BOTKIN CASE AGAIN.

Mrs. Cordelia Botkin appeared Monday in court in San Francisco, to listen to her lawyer's attempts to get her a new trial. George Knight, her leading counsel, filed a motion for a new trial, but asked for a few days' delay to perfect affidavits in regard to new witnesses.

The judges set a hearing for to-day Saturday. The new trial is asked for on errors in the impanelling of a jury, in the conduct of the trial, in the instructions of the court to the jury. It is charged that the verdict was contrary to law and the evidence, and that new evidence has been discovered, which will result in the defendant's acquittal.

The most important new witness is understood to be the wife of ex-Mayor Gray of Los Angeles, who will testify to the purchase of some candy at the same hour that the candy girls wear Mrs. Botkin bought her box. Then comes the mention of jurisdiction, and it is asserted that neither Judge Cook nor any California court had a right to try the case—that Mrs. Botkin could only be legally tried in Delaware.

Whatever may be the outcome of this motion, Mrs. Botkin has escaped the sentence of the court of life imprisonment for several weeks.

Delaware Railroad United.

The new Delaware Railroad Company, which includes the old Delaware Railroad—now the Delaware Division of the Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad—the Queen Anne & Kent Railroad, the Delaware & Chesapeake Railroad, and the Cambridge & Seaford Railroad, was formally organized at Dover Thursday, as follows:

President, H. F. Kenney; vice president, E. T. Warner; secretary and treasurer, Manley Hayes; directors, E. T. Warner, Wilmington; John P. Green, Philadelphia; George Gray, Wilmington; Manley Hayes, Dover; James J. Ross, Seaford; Thomas Curry, Greenwood; Charles J. Harrington, Farmington; W. T. Records, Laurel; W. T. Porter, Wilmington; George V. Masse, Philadelphia; John H. Hosack, Smyrna; William T. Watson, Millford, and Samuel Rees, William A. Paxton and H. F. Kenney, Philadelphia.

The capitalization of the new company is \$2,957,000, this being \$300,000 more than the present capital of the Delaware Railroad. Mr. Kenney, the president, recently resigned the position of general superintendent of the Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad, after many years' service.

Sudden Death.

Mr. John G. Messick, one of the best known trading saloons on the Market-Delaware Peninsula and brother of Mr. J. B. Messick, of this town, died at noon on Sunday at the Hotel Elkhorn. He was employed by the firm of Thayer, Claffey & Co. of New York city, and went to Elkhorn on Tuesday of last week, where he was taken ill. Dr. Chas. M. Ellis was summoned and rendered medical aid, but he continued to grow worse. He was unmarried and about 67 years of age. He was a native of Snow Hill, Maryland, where interment was had on Tuesday.

Mr. J. B. Messick was summoned on Sunday to the deathbed of his brother, but was himself taken ill on Monday, and unable to go to Snow Hill. Mr. Louis A. Barnard attended the funeral services.

Public Sales.

Thursday, February 10th.—Sale of Stock Farm Implements, etc. by Isaac R. Stasius at his residence in Blackbird hundred, near Taylor's Bridge, W. A. Hukle, auctioneer.

Thursday, February 16th, 1899.—Public Sale of Stock, Farming Implements, &c., by Samuel Pennington, at his residence in Middletown, Del., Shockley & Smith, Auctioneers.

Friday, February 24th.—Stock and Farming Implements by William N. Wats, at his residence near Van Dykes Station, D. F. Hutchinson, auctioneer.

PERSONALITIES.

Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

—Rev. W. L. S. Murray, D. D., was in town on Monday and among other old friends the Transcript had a pleasant call, the doctor is always welcome.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mondinball and children, of Wilmington, have been the guests of his father, Mr. Charles P. Cochran, at "Cochran Grange" this week.

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Consumption AND ITS CURE

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MIDDLETON, DEL., JAN., 28 1899

Washington

... Letter

RESIDENT McKinley may be,

in common with many other patri-

otic citizens, thoroughly dis-

tinguished with the

small politics of the Democra-

tic Senators, with five or six

exceptions, are trying to play for the control of the Democratic party, with the treaty of peace; but he knows that they cannot injure him or the Republi-

can party, or the country, and that, although they can delay the ratification of the treaty, they cannot prevent it. The most that the obstructionists can do will be to prevent the treaty being voted upon at this session of Congress. In that case, an extra session will be called to ratify the treaty. Neither President McKinley nor the Republi-

can leaders of the Senate, will consent to the compromise offered by the ob-

structionists to amend the treaty by binding this government to a particular policy towards the Philippines.

"The right man in the right place," is the general Republican comment upon Speaker Reed's selection of Repre-

sentative Payne of New York, to succeed the late Representative Dingley as Chairman of the House Com-

mittee on Ways and Means and Republi-

cian leader. Mr. Payne has been in

the House fourteen years and has long

ranked as a leading member of that body.

The vote on the Nicaragua Canal bill was delayed until Saturday afternoon, mostly by obstructive tactics, when it was passed, after having been amended by a vote of 45 to 6. If the House Commerce Committee would report this bill as it is, it could be passed, but it is feared that it will not. If it doesn't, the chance for getting the bill through at this session is slim.

The River and Harbor bill has been

reported to the House. It carries ap-

propriations for more than \$12,000,000,

divided among thirty odd states, and is

expected to become a law.

The attitude of the two political

parties toward the Philippines was

graphically shown by the following, from a spirited dialogue between General Grosvenor, of Ohio, and Repre-

sentative Carmack, of Tenn.: General

Grosvenor—"What would the distin-

guished gentleman from Tennessee do

with the Philippines?" Mr. Carmack

—"I would turn my back on them and

sail away and never look back." Gen-

eral Grosvenor—"And all the world

would brand your back with the word

Coward."

Representative Bailey, of Texas, during the running discussion in which much was said about the slavery of the Filipinos sought to discredit General Grosvenor by saying: "I would like to ask the gentleman if this new crusade upon the old slavery question is to fly in the face of the President's generous offer to take care of the Confederate slaves?" But he looked thoroughly ashamed of himself when Gen. Grosvenor brought down the House by quietly replying: "In the graves of the noble men who fought for a mistaken cause was buried the opposition to the great principles of the Republican party in the controversy for liberty and justice to all mankind; and, therefore, it is meet and proper that the leader of the Republican party in this country should be the leader of the idea of protecting those graves; and I endorse every word he says."

When Jesus came into Galilee, the Galileans received Him, for they had seen all the things that He did at Jerusalem, at the feast of the passover, in which they showed that they remembered the Lord's mercy in bringing out fathers of Egypt by night.

And when this nobleman of Galilee

heard that Jesus had come again to

Gaza, he hastened to Him as the only

hope of his son's life, and besought

Him to come and heal him. Jesus

knew that His faith was real, but to

try him, He said, "Except ye see and

wonder, ye will not believe."

The anxious father had only one thing

to say, "Sir, come down, ere my child die."

There was no hesitation in his

faith, and our Lord is always waiting

to heal and to save, even as He said,

"Whosoever ye shall ask in My Name,

that will I do, that the Father may be

glorified in the Son."

There is nothing too hard for Him to

do, nothing too costly for Him to give

to His children, and what joy must

have filled the nobleman's heart as he

heard the saving words from the Great

Physician, "Go thy way, thy son liveth."

It was not necessary for the

Healer to come to his house, he knew that it would be as the Lord had said. On his way home his servants met him and said, "Thy son liveth," and on asking them when he began to mend, they said, "Yesterday at the seventh hour," so he knew it was at the very hour that Jesus had spoken the words of life.

His son was well; how could it be otherwise than for this whole family to believe in this Great Physician? "Whithersoever He entered, into villages, or cities, or country, they laid the sick in the streets, and besought Him that they might touch if it were but the border of His garment; and as many as touched Him were made whole."

Our Saviour is just as near us now, just as ready to heal and save; though we cannot see Him, we can live and trust, "as seeing Him who is invisible" in the hope of His coming for those who look for His appearing. "We know that when He shall appear we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is."

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

International S. S. Lesson for January 29th, 1899.

Jesus at Jacob's Well—John 4: 15.

Read to 432 verse.

Golden Text—"Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst."—John 4: 14.

As Jesus wished to go from Judea, where He had been teaching and baptizing with His disciples, to Galilee, a northern province, "He must needs go through Samaria, lying between. He came to a city of Samaria called Sychar, near which was a piece of land once owned by Jacob, the Father of the Israelites, who had temporarily dwelt there and dug a well."

Jesus came to this well this morning, and being "wearied with His journey" sat down to rest, while His disciples went into the city to buy food. How blessed, as we became wearied with our journey, to know that Jesus can sympathize with us, especially if like Paul "in journeys often" and "in weariness" in His work we have fellowship with Him.

"A woman of Samaria" came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give Me to drink." The woman thought it strange request as "the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans," but as "God so loved the world" as to give His Son to die for it, "there is no respect of persons with God, nor the love of His disciples."

Jesus spoke to her of "the gift of God" which is "eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord," of which she knew not or she would "have asked of Him the living water." She was like many whom "the god of this world hath blinded, lest the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ should shine upon them."

The living words of Jesus are ringing still along the years, "If any man thirst let him come unto Me and drink," and even before His day Isaiah cried, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come to the waters."

The poor sun-blinded woman could not understand Jesus, but thought He referred to the well on which He sat. While forgetting weariness and thirst He patiently and lovingly told her that unlike the water from Jacob's well whoever drank of it would thirst again; while the water that He should give would be "full of water springing up into everlasting life, a soul-satisfying fountain, the possessor of which shall never thirst."</p